

CITY *Visions*

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Community and Cultural Center Construction Proceeding On Schedule



The first of the rough grading begins moving tons of earth in preparation for building pads and utility infrastructure.

THREE MONTHS after the groundbreaking, construction of the Community and Cultural Center at East Dunne and Monterey Road is “off to a strong start and proceeding well,” according to project manager, Glenn Ritter. Ritter added that while recent rains have created some delays, the DPR Construction crew is working weekends in order to stay on schedule for the Center’s anticipated opening at the end of 2002.

When completed, the 20,000 sq. ft. Community Center building will be accompanied by an 11,000 sq. ft. satellite campus of Gavilan College and a Children’s Activity Center. The Center, its attractive

landscaping, and the related public improvements will be a social and aesthetic centerpiece to Morgan Hill’s downtown area.

If you would like to view construction progress, go to www.consolidatedcm.com/webcam/index.html for a live webcam view of the site. Please note that you will need Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape version 4.7 or greater to view this site properly. ☎

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View construction live on the web, at www.consolidatedcm.com/webcam/index.html

Make A Difference - Participate In Your City Government

THE CITY of Morgan Hill currently has 12 Boards, Commissions, and Committees actively involved as advisory boards to the City Council. The City Council depends on its appointed citizen volunteers for its thorough review of various issues that face the wonderful community in which we reside. Citizen Volunteers are appointed to serve a two to four year term, depending on the Board, Commission, or Committee. The City Council seeks and encourages citizens to be part of your local government. The following groups will have appointed terms expiring this year:

Architectural Review Board, Bicycle Advisory Committee, Library Commission, Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Personnel Commission, Senior Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee, and South County Joint Planning Advisory Committee.

For an application to serve on any of the above, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 779-7259. ☞

• Article by Irma Torrez, City Clerk 779-7259

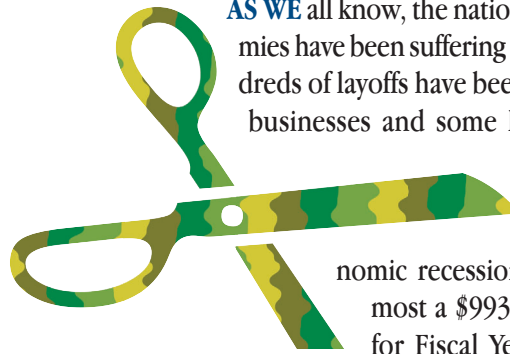
Fun For All Ages

THE NEW Winter/Spring 2002 Recreation Guide was mailed to all Morgan Hill residents in December. It is also available at City Hall or may be viewed on-line on the city's website at www.morgan-hill.ca.gov.

New this season is the availability of on-line registration for some classes. For more information contact the Recreation Division at 779-7271.



City Adjusts Budget in Light of Recession



AS WE all know, the national, state, and local economies have been suffering lately. In Morgan Hill, hundreds of layoffs have been announced by our local businesses and some local businesses have recently closed their doors.

As a result of the economic recession, the City anticipates almost a \$993,000 shortfall in revenues for Fiscal Year 2001/02. Most of this shortfall will be the result of a sharp drop in expected transit occupancy taxes received from our local lodging establishments. Another major City revenue, sales tax, is expected to be 2% less than budgeted due to reductions in the areas of construction, business-to-business, and transportation. However, property taxes are projected to be more than estimated.

In response to this shortfall, the City Council directed all operating departments, other than Fire and Medical services, to reduce expenditures this year by 5% while minimizing any adverse effects on services. To meet this goal, departments are deferring hiring some staff until next fiscal year, postponing special studies, eliminating attendance at several conferences, and being extra frugal with supplies and contracted services. These actions will save approximately \$545,000.

To cover the remaining \$448,000 shortfall, staff recommended using the unanticipated General Fund surplus from the prior year. As of December 31, 2001, the General Fund unencumbered balance was at a healthy \$10.2 million, or 67% of its operating budget. This includes the City Council's prudent reserve fund of \$3.2 million for economic uncertainties, emergencies, and the fire services master plan.

Thinking ahead, the City plans to pursue economic benefit programs that attract major sales tax producers, such as large retail establishments and auto dealers. City staff has begun developing the 2002/03 budget, with a plan to reduce expenditures to 95% of the 2001/02 adopted budget without significantly impacting services. ☞

• Article by Chu Thai, Budget Manager, ThaiC@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov, 779-7237

CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING GUIDE

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION: 2/6 7PM LIVE
2/7 NOON REPLAY
2/9 8PM REPLAY
2/10 NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION: 2/20 7PM LIVE
2/21 NOON REPLAY
2/23 8PM REPLAY
2/24 NOON REPLAY

JOINT RDA SESSION: 2/27 7PM LIVE
2/28 NOON REPLAY
3/2 8PM REPLAY
3/3 NOON REPLAY

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION: 2/12 7PM LIVE
2/13 NOON REPLAY
2/16 8PM REPLAY
2/17 NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION: 2/26 7PM LIVE
2/27 NOON REPLAY
3/2 NOON REPLAY
3/3 8PM REPLAY

FIRE SAFETY INSIDE & OUT 9AM & 4:00PM DAILY
FRIDAY 7:PM

FUGITIVE WATCH 10AM, & 5:00PM DAILY
FRIDAY 8:00PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

CITY OFFICES CLOSED • FEBRUARY 18TH

City Offices will be closed on February 18th in celebration of Presidents Day. There will be regular garbage and recycling service.

The Grand Opening for the new Morgan Hill BMX Park will be March 16. Watch your March City Visions for more information.



CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR **Dennis Kennedy** 779-7259
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE **Larry Carr** 779-9622
COUNCILMEMBER **Hedy L. Chang** 778-0511
COUNCILMEMBER **Greg Sellers** 778-2370
COUNCILMEMBER **Steve Tate** 779-6992
CITY CLERK **Irma Torrez** 779-7259
CITY TREASURER **Michael Roorda** 778-3653

CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF

CITY MANAGER **J. Edward Tewes**
CITY ATTORNEY **Helene L. Leichter**
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER **Melissa Stevenson Dile**
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER **Anthony Eulo**
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE/HOUSING SERVICES DIRECTOR **Garrett Toy**
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR **David Bischoff**
COUNCIL SERVICES AND RECORDS MANAGER **Irma Torrez**
FINANCE DIRECTOR **Jack Dilles**
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR **Mary Kaye Fisher**
POLICE CHIEF **Gerald T. Galvin**
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR **Jim Ashcraft**
RECREATION MANAGER **Julie Spier**

CONTACTING YOUR CITY

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Animal Control 776-7300
Building Inspection 779-7241
Business Assistance & Housing Services 776-7373
City Clerk 779-7259
City Manager 779-7271
Environmental Programs 779-7247
Finance 779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire) 378-4010
Job Hotline 779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning 779-7247
Police Administration 776-7315
Public Works 776-7337
Recreation 779-7271
Water 779-7221
Volunteer Programs 779-7278

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City Beautification Day

April 20th

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Tax Forms Are Available At the Morgan Hill Library and Post Office. Visit these locations early to insure you can get the forms you need.




Our blood supply is low and the need for blood donations is real. Please consider being a blood donor.

When: Monday, February 11th, 2002





Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 PM

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers
17555 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill

To schedule an appointment, contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or you can sign up online at www.beadonor.com Thank you and see you there! 



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